Task force on Health Tourism

1276. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any task force for providing a number of incentives to promote India as a major health tourism destination to target patients from Europe and Middle East Countries for treatment at super-speciality hospitals and Ayurvedic treatment facilities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b)The Government is in the process of setting up a taskforce to promote Health Tourism in India. The final details are being worked out.

Shortage of Medicines in Unani Dispensaries

1277. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that purchase of Unani medicines by CGHS Stores has not been done (tender procurement) for the past two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of budget lapsed during last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Unani medicines are not available in CGHS dispansaries; and

(d) if so, the measures taken for providing the medicines in CGHS Unani dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During 2002-2003, the CGHS Unani Medical Store Depot (UMSD), Delhi, had procured Unani Medicines in two instalments. These medicines were procured by the UMSD as per the old rate contract for the period 2000-2002. Action has already been initiated to procure Unani medicines for CGHS Delhi for the current year through rate contract and tenders. Regular purchases are being made in CGHS outside Delhi as per the instructions of the UMSD. There has been no lapse of budget during the last three years.